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PLANTATION SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy for the benefit of plantation sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total funds allocated to the States for the plantation sector during the last three years and the current year till date, plantation-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to promote generic promotion campaign for plantation sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) : A number of developmental Schemes are being implemented by the Government through the Commodity Boards i.e. Tea Board, Rubber Board, Coffee Board and Spices Board for enhancing productivity, quality and marketability of their respective products produced in the Country. The outlay of these Boards for undertaking various activities for the benefits of the plantation sector has been increased to about Rs. 3000 crore during the 11th Five Year Plan from about Rs. 1200 crore during the 10th Five Year Plan.

(c): Government of India does not allocate any fund to the States directly for plantation sector. Funds are provided to the Commodity Boards under various Five Year Plan Schemes such as replantation, rejuvenation, market promotion schemes, quality development, research and development etc.

(d) & (e): Steps have been taken for Generic Promotion of various plantation products by motivating the farmers for planting, replanting and to adopt latest scientific technologies with the objectives of productivity enhancement and improvement of quality. The various research measures undertaken are also popularized through the generic promotion campaign. Special efforts are being made in the North-Eastern Region to enhance production of plantation crops.